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THE Novena.

A happy marriage is the heart's desire of most Notre Dame students. A union of prayer for this intention begins tomorrow. The prayers are directed to St. Joseph, model husband, and patron of manly chastity. God Himself taught us to honor his purity when He made him protector of the Blessed Virgin and her Divine Son.

The intentions of the Novena are two:

1. A good wife, who will make a good mother for your children;
2. The grace to be a worthy husband and father.

The prayer to be said in connection with your daily Communion is the Litany of St. Joseph. Sacrifice should accompany your prayer, particularly the sacrifice of the companionship and friendship of any girl who would not make a worthy wife and mother. It would be tempting God to retain evil companionships while asking Him to bless you with a chaste and holy wife.

Where the Goofy Ideas Come From.

Why is it that Catholic young men come to Notre Dame with so many erroneous ideas about what constitutes sin? You have all heard discussions of right and wrong here; you have heard supposedly Catholic students assert that the Church is wrong about this, that, or the other thing; you have heard wrong notions of morality acrimoniously de-

This generation has been exposed to more poison than any previous generation of American Catholic youth. Four out of five people in the United States are not Catholics. Until recently two out of the four were some sort of Christians, and the Protestant denominations to which they belonged gave them a definite teaching on morality that was retained, intermingled with some error, when they broke away from the Church of Rome. But now that Protestantism is ceasing to exist as a formal religion, the standards of the world are breaking through, and newspaper morality is shaping public conscience. Four out of five have no positive outside guide for morals.

And what is the world's notion of morals? Listen to Newman: "It sees that nature has a number of tendencies, inclinations, and passions; and because these are natural, it thinks that each of them may be indulged for its own sake, so far as it does no harm to others, or to a person's bodily, mental, and temporal well-being. It considers that want of moderation, or excess, is the very definition of sin, if it goes so far as to recognize that word. It thinks that he is the perfect man who eats, and drinks, and sleeps, and walks, and diverts himself, and studies, and writes, and attends to religion in moderation. The devotional feeling and the intellect, and the flesh, have each its claim upon us, and each must have play, if the Creator is to be duly honored. It does not understand, it will not admit, that impulses and propensities, which are found in our nature, as God created it, may nevertheless, if indulged, become sins, on the ground that He has subjected them to higher principles, whether these principles be in our nature, or be superadded to our nature. Hence it is very slow to believe that evil thoughts are really displeasing to God, and incur punishment. Works, indeed, tangible actions, which are seen and which have influence, it will allow to be wrong; but it will not believe even that deeds are sinful, or that they are more than reprehensible, if they are private or personal; and it is utterly blind to the malice of thoughts, or imaginations, of wishes, and of words....." -- Nature and Grace.

Hence your modern girl. Hence your majority of four protesting against the Catholic opinion of a minority of 752, in Tuesday's News-Times.

PRAYERS: Joe Enright's Father will undergo an operation this morning; a prep school that fears an epidemic needs prayers; three persons who are ill are recommended.